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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ASSESSMENT OF THE INCREASING
RELIANCE OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS ON FOREIGN PROCESSED
MATERIALS"

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1. GAO TEAM DONALD P. INGERSOLL AND ANTHONY F. GONZALES
WILL BE IN MEXICO DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 27 THRU
SEPTEMBER 1 INSTEAD OF AUGUST 14 - 18 AS SHOWN REFTEL.
GAO REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS CHANGE MAY CAUSE.
CHANGE NECESSARY DUE TO STAFF AND TIME CONSTRAINTS.
AUDITORS WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH EMBASSY, HOST GOVERN-
MENT, AND INDUSTRY OFFICIAL THE STATUS OF THE COPPER,
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ZINC, AND FERROALLOY INDUSTRIES AS THEY RELATE TO THE
SUBJECT REVIEW.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE
TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS: A) TRENDS IN THE
MINING AND PRODUCTION OF THE ABOVE MINERALS OVER THE PAST
FIVE YEARS IN MEXICO; B) CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS

AND EXPORTS OF THE MINERALS AS ORES, CONCENTRATES, AND METALS; AND C) ANY CHANGES ANTICIPATED IN THESE AREAS IN THE FUTURE.

3. WITH REGARD TO EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS: A) STRUCTURE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABOVE INDUSTRIES; B) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND OWNERSHIP IN THE MINERALS SECTOR; C) TYPES OF GOVERNMENT DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT SUCH AS LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES OR GRANTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES; D) RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS; E) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS AND ENFORCEMENT METHODS; F) IMPACT OF ENERGY REQUIREMENTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES; AND G) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT, FOREIGN EXCHANGE, TRADE POLICIES, AND THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION.

4. WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, THE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF OPERATING IN MEXICO VERSUS THE U.S. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR. HECTOR CALVA OF INDUSTRIAL MINERA MEXICO S.A. AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTED CONTACTS IN THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OR BANKING COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDRESS THIS QUESTION.

5. MESSRS. GONZALES AND INGERSOLL WILL BE ARRIVING IN MEXICO CITY AUGUST 27, LEAVING SEPTEMBER 1. PLEASE ARRANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR 2 SINGLE ROOMS. THE AUDITORS WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT AND WILL ADVISE FLIGHT DETAILS WHEN CONFIRMED.

6. MR. GONZALES HAS BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR SECURITY INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET AND MR. INGERSOLL UP TO AND INCLUDING SECRET. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THESE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

7. PLEASE CONFIRM ITINERARY AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO PANAMA FOR TUCKER, GAO; INFO DEPARTMENT FOR GAO. VANCE

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